

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:260

ANSWERED ON:16.12.2015

Pricing and Auction of Spectrum

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has set in motion the process for next round of GSM and CDMA spectrum auctions by issuing a consultation paper for fixing the reserve price of 2G, 3G and 4G airwaves in various bands including the spectrum for which the licences are going to expire in 2017;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the consultation paper;
- (c) whether the Department of Telecommunications have not furnished the information sought by the regulator;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Union Government thereon; and
- (e) the time by which the whole process is likely to be completed and the auction is held?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.260 FOR 16th DECEMBER, 2015 REGARDING "PRICING AND AUCTION OF SPECTRUM".

(a) & (b) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has released the Consultation Paper dated 26 November, 2015 on Valuation and Reserve Price of Spectrum in 700, 800, 900, 1800, 2100, 2300 and 2500 MHz bands. The TRAI has invited written comments on the Consultation Paper from the stakeholders by 21 December, 2015 and counter comments by 28 December, 2015.

(c) & (d) Information sought by TRAI in respect of these bands has been provided from time to time. The TRAI has requested recently for certain additional details which are under consideration.

(e) Government has not yet decided the dates for conduct of next round of auction of spectrum.